

Beverly Community Access Media

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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *In the Matter of Accessibility of User Interfaces, and Video Programming Guides and Menus, MB Docket No. 12-108, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FCC 13-77)*

Dear Commissioners:

BevCam submits this letter in the above-referenced rulemaking proceeding (NPRM) in support of the comments filed by the Alliance for Community Media; the Alliance for Communications Democracy; Montgomery County, Maryland; and the National Association of Counties, National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors & U.S. Conference of Mayors.

BevCam is a local access station providing 2 channels to our local community, one being a Public/Government channel and the other an Educational channel. Our programming is available to almost 14,000 subscribers in Beverly, MA.

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We carry several programs on our channel(s) which are closed captioned, such as Democracy Now! The onscreen video programming guide of our multichannel video programming distributor does not provide a label or symbol indicating that this program, or others like it, have closed captions.

Viewers cannot determine from the video programming guide what our programs are and whether our programs are accessible. Thus, viewers with visual or auditory disabilities cannot make meaningful video program choices.

We urge the Commission to adopt rules that would require video programming guides and menus which display channel and program information include, for all channels, high level channel and program descriptions and titles, as well as a symbol identifying the programs with accessibility options (captioning and video description).

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments.

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